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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
September 19, 2006**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm, and Weber; Liz Burke and Charlie McKenna, Helena National Forest; Harold Stepper, County Planner; Bonnie Ramey, Clerk and Recorder; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*

CALENDAR REVIEW

9/21 meeting with the road crew - 7 a.m.
Headwaters - Butte - 3 p.m.
RMDC - 4 p.m.
MTAG - 5 p.m.
Solid Waste board - 7 p.m.
9/25 - 9/28 MACo conference - Bozeman
9/28 Zoning Commission - 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Commissioners met with Barbara Miller and Tara Mastel the previous day regarding affordable housing. They agree to enter into a joint resolution with the town of Boulder for an affordable housing project. Harold stated that he received a call from Barbara that morning. The trailer court that they were looking at is probably not going to work. Barbara feels that they need to be successful right off, which will guarantee money for the future. Commissioner Notbohm ask is this if this has been discussed with the he. Harold stated that he is not yet. Commissioner Notbohm stated that they need to make sure that they have the correct property. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they did have several different options for land. One thing that is pretty exciting, because Jefferson County has the highest per capita income in the state, the income requirements are higher. Affordable housing in Boulder is an immediate concern. Commissioner Weber stated that he was very impressed with the program is one the retreat he attended.

WATER STORAGE FACILITY

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the Commission did an on-site visit with Bob Kiesling and
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Rick Abraham regarding the water storage facility. Bob and Rick will be discussing this more and hope to come up with a compromise for the site.

LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Weber said at the library board meeting went well. They hired a librarian for the Clancy library. Cyd was named temporary chief librarian. The board will meet with the state library to determine what is expected of the board.

WEED BOARD

Commissioner Notbohm stated that he attended the weed board meeting. The board is a bit upset with the Commission regarding their part-time help. They maintain that neither Sam nor the weed board was notified before the decision was made. He noted that Sam made a good point that the weed board paid 10 hours a month of her salary and the County will now need to make that up. This person is good to have in the Whitehall office; she is knowledgeable, it does not take a lot of her time, and it is good community relations. The board will be writing a letter asking the Commission to reconsider. Commissioner Weber stated that Sam was aware of this, as he was at the meeting with Kellie, Jill, and Cameron. If he didn't talk to his board or to Cameron, it is unfortunate. Sam left that meeting saying he would work with Cameron on this. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that if Sam was aware and didn't talk to the weed board, Cameron, or Jill, some of this is on Sam's shoulders, although the Commission has some responsibility too. Commissioner Notbohm noted that it seems like a good fit for her to do this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Lythgoe stated he received an e-mail from Jeff Ebert regarding Highway 69. Jeff wants a letter from the Commission stating that they have no interest in taking over the maintenance of Highway 69.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

LIZ BURKE - REQUEST FOR CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE YOUTH FORESTRY MONITORING PROGRAM

Liz Burke, with the Helena National Forest, came to report back on how the Youth Forestry Monitoring Program went this year. She showed a short video clip of a program that aired on the local news. She wanted to thank the Commission for their support. There were 12 students who took part in the program this year, three from Jefferson County. The students monitored 40 sites, for in Jefferson County. They are trying to get the program into more communities, and had added Powell County. They're also looking into being able to give college credit for the program. She is asking the commission for their continued support for the coming year. Commissioner Notbohm asked if the students day out in the field. Liz stated that the first week consists of daily training. The following week there is a bonding exercise with a tonight and overnight stay.

Liz stated that last year Jefferson County used \$5,000 of Title III monies, which she hopes to increase this year to \$9,500. Commissioner Weber asked if Liz has a copy of the results of the monitoring. Liz stated that she is in the process of burning a CD and will send it out when it is

done. Commissioner Notbohm moved to enter into this agreement, dependent on funding. Commissioner Lythgoe agreed that they do not yet know what the Title III figures will be for this year, and seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - DISCUSS REAFFIRMATION OF SOUTH HILLS ROAD AS A COUNTY ROAD

Commissioner Lythgoe called the public hearing to order and called for comment. Hearing none, public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 31-2006 ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH HILLS ROAD AS A COUNTY ROAD
Commissioner Weber read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 31-2006

ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH HILLS ROAD AS A MAINTAINED COUNTY ROAD

WHEREAS, Jefferson County adopted Resolution 28-2006, creating a rural special improvement district which shall obtain taxable dollars from district taxpayers for the improvement of South Hills Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously adopted by resolution South Hills Road as a “County Road” for law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, South Hills Road is a road that is dedicated for public use in the county and MCA 7-14-2101 permits adoption of such a road as a county road; and

WHEREAS, notice and a public hearing were provided for this resolution on this date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners hereby adopt South Hills Road, located within Jefferson County and further described with the attached map as a “Maintained County Road”.

DATED this 19th day of September, 2006.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER

KEN WEBER, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 33-2006 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING (REVISED) CRITERIA FOR LOCAL DETERMINATION OF EVASION OF THE SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING ACT AND SUBDIVISION AND SANITATION ACT

Bonnie Ramey, Clerk and Recorder, stated that the purpose of revisiting this resolution is an increase of the recording fees. Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 32-2006 TO DECLARE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN PUBLIC LANDS AS COUNTY ROADS

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that this resolution will be done at a later time.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON MDT'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE SPEED LIMITS ON MT 55

Mr. Lythgoe stated that the commission had received the results of the speed study on Montana 55. The speed limit is currently 70 mph and they recommend that it be lowered to 60 mph. Commissioner Weber stated that the reason for the speed study is that a trucking company opened in the area, across from a brain injury treatment facility. This is on a section of road off of the hill around a blind corner. When driving into town you encounter the businesses before you get to town and there are 45, 35, and 25 mile-per-hour speed zones in rapid succession. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to accept MDT's recommendation regarding the speed adjustment on Highway 55. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

CANCEL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH

Mr. Lythgoe stated that due to a lack of a quorum the Commission meeting scheduled for September 26 will be canceled.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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